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For : MACHINE AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A TISSUE WEB

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification, claims and abstract as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 55 (second occurrence) on page 29, lines 10 and 11 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following new claim for consideration by the Examiner:

---70. The process of claim 54, wherein the blowing element is positioned inside a loop of the outer belt in the area of the separation point.---

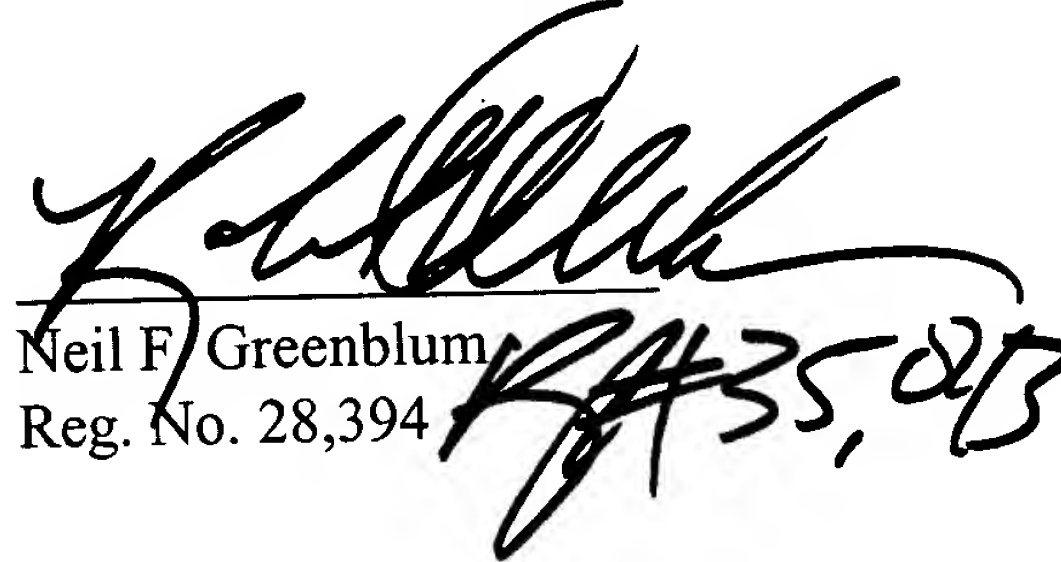
REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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